

Mayor Mike's City Leaders Academy

April 8, 2014

Dear Colleague:

Mayor Michael B. Coleman has developed a substantive leadership initiative for middle school children, grades 6-8. The City Leaders Academy, launched in 2012, introduces young people to some of the people and places that make Columbus a great place to live. Our program year begins with the week-long *Discovering Columbus* Camp, August 4 – August 8, 2014. City Leaders Academy is held, September – May, on the third Saturday of each month. The program is designed to educate and ignite middle school youth to become model citizens and eventually become leaders of our great city.

For the upcoming program year, we will focus on the diversity that makes Columbus a culturally rich and exciting place to live. We invite you to identify a youth to apply to the City Leaders Academy. The ideal candidates for the program exhibit leadership abilities at school and within the community.

Selection Criteria:

- Must be a city of Columbus resident;
- Must be entering the 6 - 8th grade this Fall;
- Must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in school (grade card required); students may also submit a report card and a letter from an administrator verifying it equates to a 3.0 GPA;
- Parent/Guardian must approve participation by fully completing all paperwork and agreeing to comply with program guidelines as well as attending the mandatory orientation; and,
- Students must answer essay questions on leadership.

The City Leaders Academy and related activities are **FREE** for all participants. Attendance is mandatory for both the *Discovering Columbus* Camp (five weekdays) and City Leader Academy monthly meetings (3rd Saturday of each month, September – May).

The **application deadline is Friday, June 20, 2014**. Selected youth will be notified by June 27, 2014. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Cece Harris at 614.645.1264 or via email at cityleaders@columbus.gov.

Thank you for supporting our effort to cultivate our next generation of city leaders.

Sincerely,

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Key Dates:

Application Deadline: June 20, 2014

Parents Notified: June 27, 2014

Parent Orientation: July 8, 2014

Discovering Columbus Camp: August 4-8, 2014

City Leaders Academy Begins: September 20, 2014

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Student Essay Questions

Q1. The "Six Pillars of Character" serve as guideposts for the countless choices children and adults are asked to make on a daily basis. The "Six Pillars" are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Choose one of the "Six Pillars" that you possess and explain how that character could help make you a leader in your neighborhood, school or worship center.

Q2. Describe someone in your neighborhood, school or worship center who is a good leader, what makes them a good leader?

Students' 250 word responses to the above essay questions should be typewritten and submitted, on a separate page, with the completed City Leader application.

2014/2015 APPLICATION

Participant

Child's name: _____ Gender: Male / Female (circle one)

Birth date: ____/____/____ Age: ____ School: _____ GPA: ____ Grade: ____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name of Child's Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

The phone number to reach you between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: () _____

E-mail (Required): _____

Child resides primarily with (circle one): Mother/ Father/Mother and Father/Other: _____

Emergency contacts (other than parents)

	NAME	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	Relationship
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

City Leaders Emergency Medical Authorization

(You *must* complete all sections of *either* Part 1 *or* Part 2 of this section. *Do not* complete both)

Part 1: Permission to transport child: In the event of an emergency, I _____ hereby give the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) permission to take my child to the following medical and dental facilities or to the nearest available source of help. I understand that staff will give children basic first aid when necessary.

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

OR

Part 2: Refusal to give permission to transport child. I _____ **DO NOT** give permission to take my child to a medical or dental facility. I understand that staff will give participants basic first aid when necessary, but if an illness or injury requires emergency treatment, please do the following: _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Does your child have health insurance coverage such as Medicaid, Healthy Start, or private insurer? Yes ___ No ___

Information/Photography Release

The staff, the media, and programming partners with permission from the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, may photograph or videotape my child for educational and public relations purposes.

Signature _____ Date _____

Field Trip, Routine and Activity Release

I give permission for my child to participate in all field trips and activities offered by the City Leaders Program. These trips will include what is listed on the agenda, however, may be subject to change. I also authorize the City of Columbus to do everything necessary to make sure of my child's health and safety in case of an emergency. I agree to not hold the City of Columbus, staff and sponsors of the program responsible for property damage or injury that results from my child's participation in this program.

Signature _____ Date _____

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